



City of Loma Linda Official Report

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COUNCIL AGENDA: January 24, 2006

TO: City Council

SUBJECT: Presentation of Proclamation – “A Day for Hearts: Congenital
Heart Defect Awareness Day” February 14, 2006



CITY OF LOMA LINDA, CA

PROCLAMATION
"A DAY FOR HEARTS
CONGENITAL HEART DEFECT AWARENESS DAY"
FEBRUARY 14, 2006

WHEREAS, Congenital Heart Defects (CHD) is the most frequently occurring birth defect with an estimated one in every 100 children born in the United States each year having a malformed heart, and is the leading cause of birth-defect related deaths; and,

WHEREAS, it is estimated that 40,000 babies with CHD are born in the United States each year and approximately 1.2 million American children and adults with Congenital Heart Defects and Childhood Onset Heart Disease are alive today and serving as inspirational role models for all; and

WHEREAS, researchers are working to more correctly identify the origin of CHD, describe physical signs and symptoms, and clarify surgical options, and the Loma Linda University Children's Hospital is a world-renowned leader in the research and surgical options in the effort to save lives of those with CHD; and

WHEREAS, the sponsor of "A Day for Hearts", The Congenital Heart Information Network, launched in 1996 and founded by Mona Barmash of Yardley, Pennsylvania, is an international non-profit organization that provides reliable information, support services and resources to families of children with congenital and acquired heart disease, adults with congenital heart defects, and the professionals who work with them; and

WHEREAS, Valentine's Day, when we are surrounded by hearts, the universal and unedning symbol of llife, love and hope, is the perfect time to bring families, health professionals, and local organizations together, to draw attention to the needs of the congenital heart community because for parents and families of kids and adults with heart defects, February 14th means hope and remembrance;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Floyd Petersen, Mayor of the City of Loma Linda, do, on behalf of the entire City Council, proclaim February 14, 2006

"A DAY FOR HEARTS
CONGENITAL HEART DEFECT AWARENESS DAY"

and join with the Congenital Heart Information Network, dedicated parents, patients, family members and friends, along with doctors, nurses and social workers to help raise awareness about the most common birth defect in the United States - congenital heart defects.

PRESENTED this 24th day of January 2006.

Floyd Petersen, Mayor